

CHAPTER I

PROPOSED INTRODUCTORY AND SEPARABILITY PROVISIONS FOR BELLOWS FALLS ORDINANCES

ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1 PREAMBLE

In order to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare and to facilitate the orderly administration of justice within the corporate limits of the Bellows Falls Village Corporation and pursuant to authority set forth in Chapters 59 and 61 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and in the Charter of the Bellows Falls Village Corporation, said corporation has adopted this code of Village ordinance

SECTION 2 SEPARABILITY

In the event that any provision of these ordinances shall be found unconstitutional, or otherwise unenforceable, then said provision shall be deemed to have been struck from this ordinance and all other provisions of these ordinances shall remain in full force and effect as if the void provision had never been included herein.

SECTION 3 REPEAL OF CONTRARY PROVISION

It is the intent of the Trustees by the adoption of these ordinances to adopt a uniform code of ordinances for the Bellows Falls Village Corporation. Adoption of these ordinances shall have the effect of repealing any and all similar, or contrary, provisions of any and all ordinances previously adopted by the Trustees of the Bellows Falls Village Corporation. Previously adopted ordinances concerning subject matter not included in this code shall remain in full force and effect unless the provisions of the prior ordinance, or by-law, deals with the same subject matter as any provision of these ordinances, or would otherwise clearly contradict the spirit and intention of these ordinances..

SECTION 4 PENALTIES

Violation of any provision of these ordinances, unless otherwise specified therein, shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 and each violation or incident shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 5 ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of these ordinances, and prosecution for violations thereof, shall be made according to law and in accordance with the provisions of the charter of the Bellows Falls Village Corporation.

The Chief of Police, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, may from time to time establish a schedule of fines which may be paid, in lieu of the fines set forth herein, by persons charged with violations of these ordinances who do not wish to contest said violations. The Chief of Police, if the circumstances warrant, may refuse to accept payment under this section; and nothing herein shall be construed to require the Chief of Police, or the Bellows Falls Village Corporation, to establish "fines by waiver" for all violations of these ordinances.

The procedure for payment of fines, time for payment of fines, and waiver of rights by persons seeking to take advantage of this section shall be established from time to time by the Chief of Police.